

**From:** Christine Marshall <balmertmarshall@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** 5/30/2019 6:46:00 PM  
**To:** Sammi Brown  
**Subject:** Re: Opportunity Zones

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Thanks for exploring this bill and all you do for fair treatment of the citizens.

Sent from my iPad

On May 30, 2019, at 5:28 PM, Sammi Brown <[Sammi.Brown@wvhouse.gov](mailto:Sammi.Brown@wvhouse.gov)> wrote:

Well—It couldn't hurt to look in to it, right?

I'd have to run it by counsel and see "how," but happy to brainstorm it a bit. The House reconvenes the 17<sup>th</sup>, so there might be a little time to workshop the language if it's plausible.

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**From:** Christine Marshall <[balmertmarshall@icloud.com](mailto:balmertmarshall@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2019 8:39 AM  
**To:** Sammi Brown <[Sammi.Brown@wvhouse.gov](mailto:Sammi.Brown@wvhouse.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Opportunity Zones

The one article suggested decoupling the state from the federal tax brakes so state budgets don't suffer. Is this possible?

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On May 28, 2019, at 11:11 PM, Sammi Brown <[Sammi.Brown@wvhouse.gov](mailto:Sammi.Brown@wvhouse.gov)> wrote:

Hi Christine!

I see that John had replied prior, and my only addition is that we voted to NOT suspend rules in order to have the proper time to get a full breadth of information from the auditor and tax offices; AND I am teaming up with The Center to work on thoughtful amendments to put back IN language that would do right by our most marginalized communities.

Admittedly, Jefferson Co is almost entirely in an OZ; so the current bill, in theory, would benefit the businesses here.

However, I find it best to do our due diligence and lift up the *many* as opposed to the *few*.

Thanks for reaching out!

All the best,

Sammi

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**From:** Christine Marshall <[balmertmarshall@icloud.com](mailto:balmertmarshall@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 1:29 PM  
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Yes I see the zones which were chosen. Looks like major highway access or gas development areas.

<https://opportunitydb.com/location/west-virginia/>

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On May 28, 2019, at 1:26 PM, John Doyle <[JohnDoyle@wvhouse.gov](mailto:JohnDoyle@wvhouse.gov)> wrote:

Christine,

Thanks. You're right on all counts, which is why I voted against the bill. And not only are the chosen zones in Jefferson County the wrong ones, the ones in many other counties are equally poorly chosen.

Yours,

John Doyle

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**From:** Christine Marshall <[balmertmarshall@icloud.com](mailto:balmertmarshall@icloud.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:34:19 AM

**To:** Patricia Rucker; John Unger; Paul Espinosa; John Doyle; Sammi Brown

**Subject:** Opportunity Zones

Hello Legislators,

I have been doing some reading on HB 2828 regarding Opportunity Zones. There are some articles from The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities which lead me to believe that Opportunity Zones could ultimately damage the state's financial well being. If this legislation has not already passed please consider reading a few articles linked to below and the fiscal notes of HB 2828. Please do not pass any legislation that will harm West Virginia and it's citizens for the benefit of a few. Make changes to the bill that would improve West Virginia's financial well being.

<https://www.cbpp.org/blog/states-should-decouple-their-income-taxes-from-federal-opportunity-zone-tax-breaks-asap>

[http://www.wvlegislature.gov/Fiscalnotes/FN\(2\)/fnsubmit\\_recordview1.cfm?RecordID=737377673](http://www.wvlegislature.gov/Fiscalnotes/FN(2)/fnsubmit_recordview1.cfm?RecordID=737377673)

Further it appears that most of the Opportunity Zones in Jefferson County are not located in economically depressed areas; is this true? If true, how can we correct any improperly dedicated locations?

Thank you,

Christine Marshall

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